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HOW TO REGISTER FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SEED IN CALIFORNIA

REGISTRATION FEE

The annual registration fee is \$40.00 (forty dollars) for each fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year beginning July 1.

Who Must Register

- Every labeler of agricultural or vegetable seed offered for sale or sold in this State
- Any person who receives or possesses for sale or sells in this State any such seed which is not grown in this State.

Who Is Exempt From Registering

- Any individual grower that conditions such seed exclusively for his own planting use.
- Any person using seed only for purposes of planting seed increase.
- Any person licensed to sell nursery stock, except when he also engages in conditioning and labeling.

NOTE: The labeling and sale of flower seed is NOT covered by the California Seed Law.

What is agricultural seed?

The seed of any domesticated grass or cereal, and of any legume or other plant grown as turf (list as Lawn Seed) or as a cover, forage, fiber or field crop (list as Field Seed), and mixtures of such seeds.

What is vegetable seed?

The seed of any crop grown in gardens or truck farms.

ASSESSMENT

If you sold seed in California prior to June 30, 2008, you may owe an assessment. The Secretary has set the assessment rate at \$0.32 (thirty two cents) for every \$100 (one hundred dollars) Gross Annual Dollar Volume Sales of agricultural or vegetable seed or both in California for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. **NOTE, the gross value of the seed includes all costs that contribute to the value of the seed at the time of sale, even if collected at a separate time or through another entity.** The assessment includes charges or fees for technology, development, or any treatments, coatings or enhancement processes that are part of the value of the seed.

Who Must Pay The Assessment

Every person required to register shall also pay the assessment if they have sold seed in the year prior to registering.

Who Is Exempt From Paying The Assessment

- No assessment shall be paid by any labeler or any other person for any agricultural or vegetable seed for which such assessment has been previously paid by another labeler or person except when the identity of the lot has been changed.
- No assessment fee shall be paid on that portion of a person's sales of agricultural or vegetable seed or both, that is sold in containers of four ounces or less net weight of seed.
- No assessment fee shall be paid on agricultural or vegetable seed or both, sold and shipped out of California.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR ANNUAL FEES

The annual Registration Fee is \$40.00. Your Assessment is equal to your gross annual dollar sales of seed for the prior fiscal year ending June 30 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) multiplied by the Assessment Rate per \$100 (\$0.32/\$100 or .0032).
(Assessment = Total Ag & Veg Seed Sales X Assessment Rate)

LATE FEES - NOTE: Fees postmarked after July 31, 2008 are LATE. By law, a penalty for late payment of 20% of the registration (= \$8.00) plus 10% of the assessment fee due, will be levied if you sold seed before obtaining authorization.

Example:

(List the gross annual dollar sales for each type of seed)

		DUE JULY 1
Lawn Seed	a)	\$ 40,115
Field Seed	b)	\$ 0
Vegetable Seed	c)	\$ <u>63,127</u>
Total Sales		\$ 103,242
\$0.32/\$100 =		<u>x.0032</u>
Assessment		\$ 330.37
Registration Fee		\$ <u>40.00</u>
TOTAL FEES DUE		\$ 370.37

AFTER JULY 31 Penalty

(10%)	\$33.04	\$	363.41
(20 %)	\$ 8.00	\$	<u>48.00</u>
LATE		\$	411.41

(Add a, b and c)

(Multiply Total Sales by the rate per \$100)

(This is your assessment)

(Add Assessment and Registration Fee)

Refund Policy: Refunds for overpayments will **only** be made for **current** fiscal year fees.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

This application can be made available in alternative formats for visual or hearing-impaired individuals. Please allow 7-10 working days for production of the alternative format. Requests for an alternative format may be directed to the address and telephone number below.

TIME PERIODS

The Department of Food and Agriculture has established time periods for the processing of permit applications, in compliance with Government Code Section 15372-15378. Failure to comply with these time periods may be appealed to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, California 95814, pursuant to Regulations set forth in Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 301. Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may order that the applicant receive a reimbursement of filing fees.

If you have additional questions, please contact:

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